

particular reference to Figure 2, the coated reservoir in accordance with the present invention is illustrated as comprising a primary or inner reservoir 1 made from a material, such as carbon steel.

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As can be better seen from Figure 2, the primary or inner reservoir 1 is coated with a two-compound material comprising an inner layer 6 made from a paper material, preferably based on latex, and an outer layer 7 based on polyurethane, without the addition of any solvent, which it is applied and cured on the inner paper layer 6.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel the previous versions of claims 1-4 and 6-8 and rewrite them as follows. (Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the following is a clean copy of the amended claims. A marked up version of these claims is attached hereto on a separate sheet.)

Please amend claims 1-4 and 6-8 as follows, then add new claims 9 and 10.

1. (Twice Amended) An underground reservoir for storing liquid products, comprising an inner, main reservoir and an outer, secondary reservoir comprising a coating layer, said coating layer being formed by an inner layer made from a paper material and an outer layer made of polyurethane.

2. (Twice Amended) The underground reservoir of claim 1, wherein said paper material is a latex-based.

3. (Twice Amended) The underground reservoir of claim 1, wherein said outer layer made of polyurethane is made without the addition of any solvents.

4. (Twice Amended) A process for manufacturing an underground reservoir

comprising the steps of

providing an inner, main reservoir, and

covering an outer surface of said main reservoir with a first coating layer made

from a paper material, and applying a second polyurethane-based coating layer over said first coating layer.

6. (Amended) The process according to claim 4, wherein said paper material is a latex-based paper.

7. (Twice Amended) The process according to claim 4, wherein said second polyurethane-based coating layer is made of polyurethane, without the addition of any solvents.

8. (Twice Amended) The process according to claim 7, wherein said second polyurethane-based coating layer has a desired minimum thickness of at least 2.5 mm.

ADD NEW CLAIMS 9 AND 10:

--9. The underground reservoir of claim 1, wherein the main reservoir is made of carbon steel.

10. The process according to claim 4, wherein the main reservoir is made of carbon steel.--

REMARKS

The Office Action of July 31, 2002 has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. The present Amendment amends claims 1-4 and 6-8 in accordance with the originally-filed specification and adds new claims 9 and 10. Claims 1-10 remain in this application.

Initially, the Examiner has objected to the specification for various minor